



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5656**

LCO No. 5905

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO INDIVIDUALS TO  
PURSUE POST SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of Children  
2       and Families may provide financial assistance for post secondary  
3       school educational or vocational opportunities to any individual who  
4       is committed to the department or was committed to the department at  
5       the time of such individual's eighteenth birthday. The department  
6       shall prescribe conditions of eligibility for the receipt of such financial  
7       assistance and other program requirements deemed necessary in the  
8       department's policy manual. For any new application for financial  
9       assistance received by the department on or after July 1, 2007, financial  
10      assistance provided to an individual by the department may not  
11      exceed, on an annual basis, the total cost of in-state tuition, room,  
12      board and matriculation fees associated with attending The University  
13      of Connecticut at Storrs on September first of the calendar year in  
14      which the request for financial assistance is made. Notwithstanding  
15      the provisions of this section, if an individual has been determined

16 eligible for post secondary school financial assistance by the  
17 department prior to the effective date of this section, and the amount  
18 of financial assistance being provided by the department on behalf of  
19 such individual exceeds or will exceed the limit prescribed by this  
20 section, such individual may continue to receive the higher amount of  
21 financial assistance provided the individual is in full compliance with  
22 the department's program requirements.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2007 | New section |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow the Department of Children and Families to provide post secondary school financial assistance to individuals who were committed to the department at the time of their eighteenth birthday in an amount that does not exceed the total cost of in-state tuition, room, board and matriculation fees associated with attending The University of Connecticut at Storrs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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